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AFTER LOOKING AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE, THE JURORS WILL DELIBERATE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO NOW THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS OVER, HECHT SAID.

HE SAID ANY DECISION COULD COME LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW.

THE PROSECUTOR EXPLAINED JURORS HAVE THE OPTION OF ISSUING A REPORT NOW OR MAKING THE FINDINGS A PART OF THEIR YEAR-END RECOMMENDATIONS.

HECHT CLAIMS THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE BEFORE THE JURY OF ANY ACTUAL TAMPERING WITH EXHIBITS.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOSEPH P. BUSCH JR., IN AN EARLIER STATEMENT, SAID THE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT "A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS" HAVE EXAMINED THE EXHIBITS WITHOUT SECURING THE NECESSARY COURT ORDER.

HECHT CALLED A TOTAL OF 35 WITNESSES SINCE THE JURY INVESTIGATION BEGAN A WEEK AGO TODAY. THE JURY DID NOT MEET LAST FRIDAY.

BUSCH HAS NOT YET MADE PUBLIC THE RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION BY HIS OFFICE INTO ALLEGATIONS BY MRS. BARBARA WARNER BLEHR, AN ATTORNEY, THAT LOS ANGELES POLICE CRIMINALIST DENWAYNE (CAPS D W) WOLFER VIOLATED PROPER PROCEDURES IN HIS BALLISTICS EXAMINATION.

SIRHAN IS UNDER PENALTY OF DEATH FOR THE 1968 ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

WHEN THE JURY SESSIONS RECESSED LAST THURSDAY, HECHT SAID HE WOULD ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL DAY OF TESTIMONY BECAUSE OF "IMPORTANT" EVIDENCE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE JURY.

HOWEVER, HE REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY "NEW EVIDENCE" AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION TODAY. ONE NEWSMAN ASKED HIM IF THE NEW EVIDENCE "BROUGHT ABOUT THE RESULTS" FOR WHICH THE PROSECUTOR WAS LOOKING.

"VERY DEFINITELY, YES," HECHT REPLIED.

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